

# ♦Town of Lamoine Quarterly♦

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## Town Publishes Newsletter

(Lamoine) — The Town of Lamoine has ventured into the public information field with the first what we hope to be a quarterly publication from the town office.

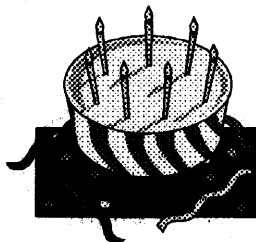
The newsletter is intended to keep the residents and taxpayers of Lamoine up to date on the goings on with your town government, and other events as we find out about them around town.

Copies of the newsletter are expected to be available at the transfer station, the Town Office, and the school, when it's in session. Folks who live elsewhere in the winter can obtain their copy with a \$2 annual subscription to cover postage and handling.

The editor of the newsletter is Town Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon. Contact him with ideas for articles, questions you might like to see broadly addressed, or just your commentary in general.

We hope you like the effort!

## 125th Party Planned in August



(Lamoine) — Happy Birthday to us. Back in 1870, this small community decided to break away from our neighbors in Trenton to become a town unto ourselves. That means Lamoine has turned 125 years old in 1995, and the Town is putting on a big celebration the 2nd weekend in August.

A committee of 9 people has been working on this celebration for well over a year. Beth Graham and Marti Anderson, who now work for the same business, have been coordinating the group's efforts and they've come up with a weekend full of fun and history. Other committee members include Betty Harding, Evelyn Farrell, Joan Bragdon, Jean Harris, Floyd Davis, Marion McFarland, and Jo Cooper. We've been blessed to have such a knowledgeable and energetic committee.

The committee began with several ideas in mind in the summer of 1994. Ideas kept coming in, and chairmen were appointed for individual events, and help was sought outside the committee for many of the things to take place. The town's actual birthday was in early March. The committee's first decision was to scuttle a celebration for that time of year when so many of our residents are away, and the weather is iffy. Instead, the celebration was set for August 11, 12, and 13th. It coincides with the Ellsworth Rotary Pancake Breakfast, and Winter Harbor's centennial celebration. The events planned are outlined on the bottom of this page. Thank you to the 125th Committee for a job well done.

## Schedule of Events for 125th Celebration

### Friday August 11th

House Tours 10 am—4pm  
Fireman's Supper 6pm—8  
Street Dance 8pm—10pm

### Saturday August 12th

5K Road Race 7 am @ School  
Opening Ceremonies 10:30 @ School  
Parade 11 am Grange to Coyne Field  
Games follow parade at Coyne Field  
Grange Yard Sale 9:00 am @ Grange  
Self-guided tours all day  
Grange Supper 5:30 pm @ Grange  
Olde Time Movies 7 pm @ Old Church

### Sunday August 13th

Church Service 9:30 am  
Bike Ride 11:30 am  
Art Show 10 am  
Concert @ Park 2pm  
Closing Ceremonies @  
Town Hall 6pm

## Check received for closing old dump

(Lamoine) — The State of Maine has finally sent a check to the Town of Lamoine for \$159,687.41 for their portion of the capping of the town landfill. The money had been promised in early March to be delivered in 4 to 6 weeks. In May, the Town contacted the Department of Environmental Protection in Augusta to find out where the check was. After some checking, they discovered a computer error sent the check to the Town of Franklin.

The error was fixed, and in mid-June the check was received. The \$160,000 loan the town took out to complete the closure was immediately paid off, which will lower the debt service budget significantly for next year. The Selectmen have decided that instead of calling a special town meeting to lower the debt service appropriation, the money that would have gone for the annual payment on the dump closing loan will be applied to the remainder of the Town Hall and Fire Station loan. That should pay off the entire amount outstanding on that loan, which would leave the town debt free for the first time in more than 20-years.

The dump closure appears to have gone well. The engineers will check the cap and test some wells for any signs of further contamination under a grant from the DEP, which has promised payment.

## Harbor Ordinance now in effect at State Park area

(Lamoine) — Boat owners who moor their craft off Lamoine State Park are reminded the new Harbor Ordinance approved at Town Meeting in May is in effect. Applications for a mooring are available at the Town Office. The application fee is \$2 and the permit fee is \$15. Harbor Master William Pinkham has been assigning moorings with very few changes required. Those without a permit can be fined!

## Selectmen's Actions of note

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Last 3 Months busy!

(Town Hall) — The Lamoine Board of Selectmen have spent the last three months in some very long, and somewhat controversial meetings. This column will explain some of the actions.

### Town Meeting

The annual town meeting is a hectic time, and this year it was made more so by the inclusion of 5 referendum questions. The most controversial, a budget cap, and amendments to the gravel ordinance, were defeated by voters. The Selectmen decided to put these to a written ballot to garner the most voter participation. Also defeated was a site plan review ordinance drafted by the Planning Board. Passing were a harbor ordinance and an ordinance to install newly elected officials at the first regular meeting of their board after the town meeting vote.

The open portion of town meeting went quite smoothly, with voters approving budget items for the town and school budgets. The final tally will be a fairly small increase in spending, but with lower revenues, the mil rate should increase to approximately 10.2.

### Clean Up Day

The Girl Scouts coordinated a town wide cleanup day in May, with help from the town office and the school for publicity and garbage bags. A good start was made in cleaning up the roadsides in town, but more needs to be done. Our hats go off to the scouts and all who participated in helping to get the town cleaned for its big birthday celebration.

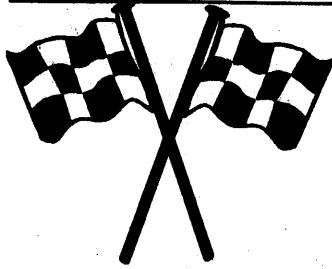
### Seal Point Road

Town meeting limited the budget to fix up Seal Point Road to \$25,000. The project which had been carefully designed by engineers was put out to redesign at lower safety standards. It was rebid again, and the price was too high for the budget again. The Selectmen have decided to award the project to Harold MacQuinn, Inc., and are working with that company to see how much can be done for \$25,000.

### Investments

Selectmen have reviewed where the town money is invested and adopted a conservative policy to make sure those funds are well protected. Bangor Savings Bank keeps the bulk of the funds in an Investment Management Account. The return has been very good this year, approximately 170% above budget. Some of the bonds held by the town were for a longer term than Selectmen felt comfortable with, and those will be liquidated and reinvested for a shorter term.

## Summer Road Projects Planned



(Lamoine) — No, we're not sponsoring a stock car race, but the clip art library for the newsletter is a bit limited. We are planning some road work this summer which should improve some of

our local road greatly.

### Seal Point Road

As mentioned in the Selectmen's column, this is our biggest project of the year. The intent is to get the drainage on this hill working correctly, by reshaping the ditches, cutting back some of the trees, and replacing the culverts. Dirt will be added to the top of the surface, and it will be prepared for paving, at least to the gully at the base of the hill. The hope is to finish this project by early August.

### Cos Cob

This small, dead end road off Route 184 hasn't seen much maintenance done in the last 20 years, especially on the end toward Eastern Bay. It's hoped we can get the surface up to snuff with some excavation, ditching, and light resurfacing to serve the residents at that end of the road.

### Asa's Lane

The shoulders of Asa's Lane are in very bad shape, and some ditching will be done there this summer to help preserve the shoulders. A few driveway culverts will have to be reset, and the edge of the pavement replaced to bring this up to shape.

### Buttermilk

The lower end of Buttermilk Road, by Route 204, is due for a fairly sizeable ditch cleanout operation. Last summer we did about a half mile of the middle section, replacing rotted culverts, and reestablishing ditches, and that greatly improved drainage this winter.

### Lorimer

The dead end side of Lorimer will see a ditch cleaned out. The Selectmen are also trying to determine where the right of way boundary is. A culvert on the Maxwell end will be reset.

(Lamoine) — Although the spring was relatively dry at times, very few calls were made for assistance in Lamoine this year. In fact, the fire department was called out of town more often.

The Ellsworth Fire Department lost a pumper

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## Fire Department has quiet spring

Lamoine ended up providing station coverage on at least four occasions during a week in May. The Fire Department also covered the Sullivan station during a forest fire at Morancie Pond in May. In June, Lamoine was called out to Township 8 where a forest fire was out of control. During that fire, State forest rangers found a plot of marijuana growing in the woods.

Engine 401, which was purchased last year, continues to be an outstanding piece of equipment. Most of the volunteers are now well versed on how to operate the truck and pump. Thankfully, it has not been needed for a big emergency yet.

Burning permits are issued by the Fire Chief, Captain Jim Hunnewell, and the Town Hall. There are restrictions on burning during dry, windy weather. Check with any fire warden for more information.

## Assessor Joan Broussard retires. New Assessor elected In May.

(Lamoine) — Assessor Joan Broussard is hanging up her calculator and three sided ruler as of July 1st. Joanie has been as assessor for 9 years. She has specialized in drawing in changes for the tax maps, and figuring tree growth.

Anyone who has worked with Joanie knows what a pleasure she is around the office. We will miss her good humor, and wish her well, and trust that she and the Chief (her husband Robert) will put a lot of miles on their camper trailer.

Taking Joanie's place on the board is Jane Fowler, who returns to the Board of Assessors after an absence of several years. We trust her previous experience will be very helpful to the other two assessors, Tom Bower and Elisabeth Curran.

Assessors work hard for very little praise. Ours do a wonderful job, and we're lucky to have them.

Name, Position	phone number
William Collier, selectman	667-7985
Richard Davis, selectman	667-9873
Arthur Alley, selectman	667-4021
Stu Marckoon, Adm Asst	667-2242
Barbara Bartosenski, clerk	667-9229
Tom Bowen, Assessor	667-6649
Elisabeth Curran Assessor	667-1064
George Smith, Fire Chief	667-2532
John Fink, CEO	667-7181
Betty Harding, Registrar	667-4730
Doug Coleman, Chmn Planning Board	667-7643
Fred Stocking, Chmn Appeals Board	667-6009
Lamoine School	667-8578
Steve McMullen, Chmn School Board	667-9793
Nate Anderson, School Brd	667-8012
Anne Gommel, School Brd	667-3166
Griff Fenton, School Brd	667-5608
Richard King, School Brd	667-9417
Henry Ashmore, Chmn Budget Committee	667-7991
Beth Graham, Chmn, 125th Committee	667-4603
Coastal Recycling	422-6766
School Union 92	667-7571
Harry Louder, Animal Control Officer	422-3133

## Important Town Officials phone numbers.

Many of our town officials work from their homes, and can be reached there during non business hours. If you need someone during the business day, call the town office phone at 667-2242. Someone is there most of the time, and there is an answering machine we frequently check. If you have a need, we're here to serve you, and set you in the right direction.

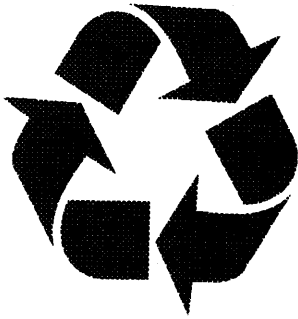
### Town Office Hours

The Lamoine Town Hall is usually staffed 6 days a week. Town Administrator Stu Marckoon is generally in Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to Noon and 1pm to 4:00 pm.

Town Clerk and Tax Collector Barbara Bartosenski is in Thursdays from 10 am to 6pm, Fridays from 10 am to 4pm and Saturdays from 8am to noon

There are times when both Stu & Barbara may need to be out of the office, for a class, banking, research, vacation or other needs. The telephone answering machine will tell you what the weekly hours are planned to be. We suggest you call first to find out if the office is closed. The number is 667-2242.

Stu will be on Vacation August 19 to the 27th. The office will be closed on Monday July 31st for the annual audit.



## Recycling News = More Stuff, profits

(Hancock) — Coastal Recycling has started to collect more materials, some of which we can collect at the Lamoine Transfer Station. The most exciting part is mixed paper. This expands the newsprint, magazine, and cardboard components of recyclables, and includes things like cereal boxes, window envelopes and other paper hard to classify.

Coastal is also collecting used clothing. These items must be taken directly to the recycling center on Route 182 in Hancock, as there is no room at the Lamoine center.

Glass has also expanded. Window glass and other glass items can be used in septic systems and for some road work, so you might be able to save some money on a project and recycle at the same time.

Coastal Recycling has started to pay some dividends to its member communities. The first checks are expected to go out in July. Sales from cardboard and other paper fiber products have been very good, making the payment possible.

Remember, the Transfer Station has a swap shop. If you have something of use you no longer want, let attendant Allen Sternfield know. All items which leave are recorded, and weight estimated for help in our recycling goals. And demolition debris can be taken to the Ellsworth transfer station, provided you obtain a permit at the Lamoine Town Office.

## Five Honor Graduates from Lamoine get diplomas

(Lamoine) — We've always felt some of the best and brightest students in Hancock County come from Lamoine, and the class of 1995 has proven that true. The Board of Selectmen honored the following students for graduating with honors this year from their respective high schools:

### Ellsworth High School

Craig Jude  
Michelle Lee

### MDI High School

Charles "Chuck" Swanberg IV  
Heidi Riggs  
Karl Nelson

Best wishes to the class of 1995

## New Arrivals

The following Lamoine residents were born during the first six months of 1995:

Anne Elizabeth Curtis May 18, 1995  
Steven Edward Grant April 25, 1995  
Andrew Hayate Willis April 22, 1995  
Brian Alan Pelletier April 21, 1995  
Erica Jill Murphy February 17, 1995

They'll start school in the year 2000, and can vote and graduate from high school in 2018. Welcome!

### *In Memorium*

Those who've passed  
away in 1995

Katherine L. Linscott May 30, 1995  
Avis Wakefield May 3, 1995  
Viola Taylor April 15, 1994  
Lee Russell Pinkham March 4, 1995  
Margaret Spinney February 12, 1995  
Lucille Kief February 4, 1995  
Paul Neleski February 4, 1995  
Dorothy Walsh January 22, 1995

## **Joint Meeting set by School Board and Selectmen for August 10th.**

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Selectmen and the Lamoine School Board have planned a joint meeting for August 10th, 1995 at 7:00 pm at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The two elected boards will sit down for the first time outside the budget process in a free flowing dialogue format to discuss the goals of both bodies as they relate to town operations.

The meeting has been in the works for some time, and is included as part of the town's comprehensive plan. The public is invited, and there will be a comment and question and answer period during the meeting.

The format and specifics of the meeting have not been formalized yet. The two boards have often found themselves with conflicting goals, and the joint meeting is seen as a way of bringing both boards together, and working in the same general direction for the benefit of the townspeople.

The meeting is appropriately set for the night before the town's 125th Anniversary Celebration is to begin. It's hoped the outcome of the meeting will set the tone for the next 125 years.

## **Welcome to new appointees**

The following appointments have been made by the Board of Selectmen:

Appeals Board — Jay Fowler

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Budget Committee — Joseph Young, Jr.

Planning Board — David Smallidge

Coastal Recycling Board — Antje Ludwig

Coastal Recycling Alt.— Janet Mullen

Thank you for agreeing to serve!

## **ATV Riders reminded of private property laws, registration.**

(Lamoine) — One of the most common complaints received at the Town Office and by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department in Lamoine concerns All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's). The complaints generally concern ATV's riding on private property without permission, on a public way, or being operated by unsupervised children in a reckless manner.

It is against Maine State Law to operate an ATV on private land without the landowners express, written permission. It is also illegal to operate on a public way, other than safely crossing a road. Rule books are available at the town office, and we will endeavor to hand one out with each ATV registration.

Speaking of registrations, a reminder that all ATV's expired in the month of June. Re-register now!

If you do have a problem with an ATV, the Maine Warden Service is the proper enforcement agency to contact.

## **911-Enhanced means new road names, addresses.**

*Jaycees working on road numbering*

(Lamoine) — In a few years, anyone in the State of Maine will be able to get emergency help by dialing 911. In the 1980's, voters approved the first bond issue to help with an enhanced version of this system. When you dial 911, a dispatcher will immediately see what number you are calling from, and the address of the telephone.

Before that happens, though, towns must have new physical addresses. The Ellsworth Area Jaycees have adopted Lamoine as their first addressing project. It started in 1993, and has been a slow process. Each road has to be measured into 50 foot sections. Each home has to be coordinated with its location on the road and assigned a number. Finally, some of the roads in Lamoine will have to get new names. The fire roads will all have to have a name, as Fire Road ### is not acceptable for the 911 system.

If you have some name suggestions for a dirt road you live on, please contact the town office. The Jaycees hope to have the measuring and numbering done by late this summer. There may be a vote in the fall on a road name system.

## 17 Building Permits issued so far for 1995

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Permit Number	Name	Activity
1	F. Hanscom	renovations
2	C. Fennelly	man. home
3	F. Greising	addition
4	E. Smart	addition
5	R. Quimby	mobile home
6	W. Boddy	garage
7	G. Crawford	shed
8	R. Arnold	residence
9	B. Gillett	residence
10	B. Graves	garage
11	C. Harding	garage
12	G. Smith	addition
13	E. Bonney	pole barn
14	J. Willis	deck
15	T. Fennelly	deck
16	D. Norwood	residence
17	F. Ward	residence

## Planning Board to consider commercial building

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board will consider a commercial building plan submitted by Clifton Bradford. The building would house Mr. Bradford's auto repair business and his tow trucks. The commercial building code requires planning board action and very detailed plans from the developer. The proposed building, if approved, would be built on the Jordan River Road, Route 204.

## Appeals Board approved only appeal of 1995.

### New Garage can be built

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Appeals has approved a plan by Charles and Terry Harding to replace their old garage with a new garage. The old garage sat too close to the boundary lines of their North Lamoine neighbor. With permission of their neighbors, the Hardings asked the board for approval of a new garage, which would be farther away from the existing line, but still too close according to the current code.

The Board ruled that the plan by the Hardings would be consistent with the town's building goals and a new garage could not be located elsewhere on the property. A variance was granted, and construction has started.

## State gives verbal approval to proposed Comprehensive Plan

(Lamoine) — The State Department of Economic and Community Development has given initial, verbal approval to the latest version of Lamoine's Comprehensive Plan. Board Chairman Charles Major says he is waiting for written approval before proceeding.

The next step is to bring the latest version of the plan to a public meeting for any changes that should be made. If there are any, the plan would be resubmitted to Augusta for final approval. If that is granted, the town may then vote on a final comprehensive plan.

The Comprehensive Plan has been in the works for nearly 5 years. If approved, it would be a guiding force for town government to operate by for the next decade. The plan is being developed using local people and a state grant.

## Calendar of Events-3rd Quarter

### July

4th — Office Closed, Independence Day  
6th — 6:15 pm Selectmen  
11th — 7:00 pm Planning Board  
14th — 7:00 pm 125th Committee  
20th — 6:15 pm Selectmen  
31st — Office Closed, audit

### August

1st — 7:00 pm Planning Board  
3rd — 6:15 pm Selectmen  
10th — 7:00 pm Joint Meeting at school  
11th-13th 125th Birthday Celebration  
17th — 6:15 pm Selectmen  
21st-23rd — Office Closed for vacation  
31st — 6:15 Selectmen

### September

4th — Office Closed, Labor Day  
5th — 7:00 pm Planning Board  
13th — 6:15 pm Selectmen  
27th — 6:15 pm Selectmen

Other boards may meet on an irregular, as needed basis at the Lamoine Town Hall. A weekly and monthly calendar is posted at the Town Hall. Monthly calendars are also posted at the Lamoine Transfer Station. If you are interested in a meeting time and place, call the Town Office at 667-2242 and we'll try to help.

## Fire Rating shows improve- ment

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(Lamoine) — The Insurance Service Organization has improved Lamoine's Fire Insurance rating from a 9 to a 6.

The report says this may lower insurance costs on commercial buildings, but cautions that homes may not see a decline in premiums. It is suggested that you check with your insurance agent to see if your homeowners policy is rated for fire insurance by ISO numbers, and inform them the rating has improved. The acquisition of a new fire truck, and maintenance of water sources and use of mutual aid companies allowed the improved fire rating.

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